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HAVING received a clearly distinct species of Stylops, though in a very mutilated state, from Mr. George B. Sowerby, F. L.S. I am desirous of giving some account of it by way of appendix to my Paper on Strepsiptera, and shall begin by describing it as far as its condition enabled me.

STYLOPS TENUICORNIS

Aterrima, oculis subsessilibus, antennis tenuioribus piceis : ramis linearibus, alis nigricantibus.

Long. Corp. ½ lin. circiter. A Dom. G. B. Sowerby Julio ineunti 1811, in Araneæ telâ lectus.

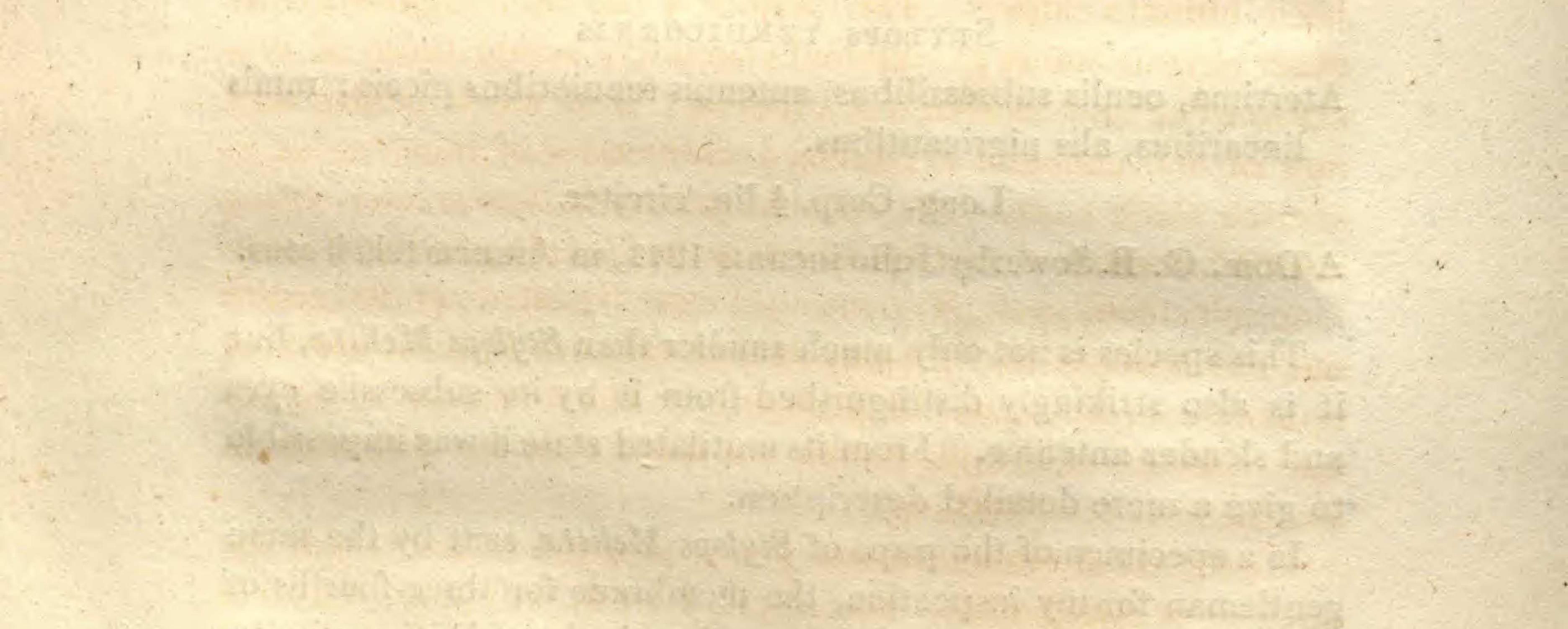
This species is not only much smaller than Stylops Melittæ, but it is also strikingly distinguished from it by its subsessile eyes and slender antennæ. From its mutilated state it was impossible to give a more detailed description.

In a specimen of the pupa of Stylops Melittæ, sent by the same gentleman for my inspection, the membrane for three-fourths of the length down the back appeared to be loose in the middle, and was divided into six segments by transverse impressed lines. This I imagine is the rugose part in Tab. IX. fig. 17.

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When I claimed for Harris (see note * of p. 100 of this vol.) the honour of being the first who founded a system in some measure upon the veining of the wings of Hymenoptera and Diptera, I was not aware that Frisch could dispute it with him; but my friend and coadjutor Mr. Spence directed my attention to a note of M. Latreille's, (Gen. Crust. & Ins. iii. p. 226,) in which he has done me the honour to make me one of the trio, where he says, Frisch, Harris, Kirby, &c. alarum reticulationem characteres genericos et secundarios exhibere observarunt, &c. I have not an opportunity of ascertaining how far Frisch carried his observations on this subject, but I think it right to name the circumstance.



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